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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,493,741
AB United States Patent No. 3,631,546
AL United Kingdom Application 2 292 311
AM PCT Application WO 02/098294

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were among the references cited in a Search Report rendered by the British Patent Office in connection with the counterpart British application. A copy of the British Search Report is submitted herewith. The remaining references cited in that Search Report have already been made of record in the Information Disclosure Statement filed January 20, 2004.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

For the references that are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. An English translation of Reference AM is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language Abstract is attached thereto.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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